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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte Randolph A. Stern and Michael N. Byles

Reissue 09/558,329
Patent 5,902,757
Technology Center 1700

Mailed: March 17, 2009

Before *Lynn M. Kryza, Deputy Chief Trial Administrator.*

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

This reissue application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 12, 2009. A review of the reissue application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the reissue application is herewith being returned to the

Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

The amendments are not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173. All amendments to the original patent claims should show any additions with underlining and deletions with bracketing, with respect to the original patent text. No strikeout is permitted in a reissue application. The Claim Appendix should also include all markings pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173.

The amendments dated May 03, 2005, and February 06, 2006, do not appear to have been accompanied by a supplemental reissue declaration. Whenever claims are amended or added, a supplemental reissue declaration is required pursuant to MPEP 1414.01. Form PTO/SB/51S, “Supplemental Declaration For Reissue Patent Application To Correct ‘Errors’ Statement ([see] 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1)),” may be used to prepare a supplemental reissue declaration. Form PTO/SB/51S serves to indicate that every error in the patent that was corrected in the reissue application, but was not covered by a prior reissue oath/declaration submitted in the reissue application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

Although a declaration was filed with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of May 03, 2005, it does not appear to be signed by all of the inventors, and it does not appear to be a proper reissue declaration. In a broadening reissue application, all supplemental reissue declarations must be signed by all inventors. See MPEP 1414.01(III). 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1) taken in conjunction with Section 1.172, requires a supplemental reissue declaration be signed by all of the inventors.

It does not appear that the Examiner has included in an Office action the appropriate rejection of all the reissue claims under 35 U.S.C. 251, as

being based upon a defective reissue declaration, and the requirement of a supplemental reissue declaration signed by all of the inventors to overcome such rejection.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the above identified Reissue application be returned to the Examiner for

- 1.) requiring correction of all amended and new claims, to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.173;
- 2.) requiring a corrected Claim Appendix in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173;
- 3.) requiring submission of a proper supplemental reissue declaration to overcome the rejection of all the reissue claims under 35 U.S.C. 251, as being based upon a defective reissue declaration ; and
- 4.) for such other action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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